

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA**

CHRISTOPHER KOHLS and MARY  
FRANSON,  
*Plaintiffs,*

v.

KEITH ELLISON, in his official  
capacity as Attorney General of  
Minnesota, and CHAD LARSON, in  
his official capacity as County  
Attorney of Douglas County,  
*Defendants.*

Court File No. 0:24-cv-3754- LMP-DLM

**STIPULATION FOR STAY OF  
DISTRICT COURT  
PROCEEDINGS PENDING  
RESOLUTION OF  
PLAINTIFFS' APPEAL**

The above-captioned parties, by their attorneys, hereby stipulate as follows:

1. Plaintiff filed this action on September 27, 2024. (ECF No. 1.)
2. Plaintiff's Summons and Complaint were served upon the Minnesota Attorney General's Office and the Douglas County Attorney's Office care of the County Auditor's Office on October 2, 2024.<sup>1</sup> (ECF No. 8.)
3. The Court heard the Plaintiffs' motions for preliminary injunction and motion to exclude certain expert testimony on December 17, 2023, and resolved those motions on January 10, 2025, subsequently entering judgment. (ECF Nos. 46-48.)

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<sup>1</sup> Defendant Larson reserves all arguments regarding service.

4. On February 7, 2025, Plaintiffs filed their notice of appeal of this Court's January 10, 2025 orders and judgment. (ECF No. 52.)

5. The parties agree that Plaintiffs' appeal is likely to resolve some of the contested legal issues in dispute in this matter, and the remaining issues before the District Court are sufficiently intertwined with the issues on appeal.

6. The parties have stipulated to this stay in good faith and not for the purpose of unduly delaying the resolution of this matter.

7. The stay serves the interests of private and judicial economy. The parties likewise agree that it is most economical to stay the pre-trial conference and discovery until the appeal is resolved.

**WHEREFORE**, the parties respectfully request that the Court enter an Order staying further District Court proceedings in this matter pursuant to the Court's inherent authority to do so, until the Plaintiffs' appeal has been resolved by the Court of Appeals, and the time for any further reconsideration or appeal has expired, or until further order of this Court.

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